

Pet. Centre, Tuesday, Jan. 26.

**Time of Closing Mails.**

P. O. PETROLEUM CENTRE, PA.,  
JULY 27th, 1898.

(For further notice the mails will arrive at and depart from this office as follows:

**ARRIVE.**

South and East, via. Irvinston, 10.28 A. M.  
South and West, " Meadville, 5.19 P. M.  
North and East, " Corry, 2.55 "

**DEPART.**

South and West, 8.45 A. M.  
So. E., East and West, 2.30 P. M.  
North, East and West, 10.02 A. M.

H. E. BLACKMON, P.M.

**Divine Services.**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M., and 7 o'clock P. M.

Rev. J. T. OXTON, Pastor.

**M. E. CHURCH.**

Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Sabbath School at twelve o'clock M. Seats Free. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Rev. C. M. HEARD, Pastor.

**STS. PETER AND PAUL'S (CATHOLIC) CHURCH.**

Mass at 10 1/2 a. m.  
Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4 p. m.  
Catechism at 2 p. m.

JAMES DUNN, Pastor.

**Alchemy.**

That the European study of Alchemy, now developed in the science of Chemistry, had its origin, like every thing else, in China, is proven by many facts adduced by the Rev. William A. P. Martin, before the Oriental Society at its last meeting. The proceedings of this meeting have just been published. Mr. Martin is a resident of Pekin and has given the subject much thought. The study of Alchemy has been in full vigor in China for at least six centuries before it made its appearance in Europe. It first appeared in Europe during the fourth century, when intercourse with the far East had become somewhat frequent. It appeared first at Byzantium and Alexandria, where the commerce of the East chiefly entered, and was subsequently revived in Europe by the Saracens, whose most famous school of Alchemy was at Bagdad, where there was a constant intercourse with Eastern Asia. The objects of pursuit in both the European alchemical schools of Alchemy were identical and two-fold—immortality and gold. In Europe the former was the less prominent, because the people, being in possession of Christianity, had a vivid faith in a future life, to satisfy their longings on that head.

In each school there were two elixirs, the greater and the less, and the properties ascribed to them closely correspond. The principles underlying both systems are identical—the composite nature of the metals and their vegetation from a seminal germ. The means by which the Eastern and Western alchemists pursued their objects were nearly identical—mercury and lead being nearly as conspicuous in the laboratories of the East as mercury and sulphur were in those of the West. Individuals in both schools had the desire of a cycle of changes, in the course of which the precious metals revert to their baser elements. Both led to the practice of magical arts and charlatanism. Both schools deal in extravagant and florid language.

On Thursday evening next, Jan. 28th, the friends of Rev. C. M. Heard, pastor of the M. E. Church of this place, are to make him a donation visit at the Central House. The following gentlemen are the committee, with whom contributions may be left—H. C. Wachter, W. R. Fuller, M. E. Hess. A board of managers composed of twelve of the members of the society has also been appointed for the purpose of soliciting contributions, providing refreshments, &c.

On Wednesday evening of next week Mr. King, of Erie, who is highly spoken of by the press, as a public reader, will give readings at the M. E. Church, in this place. It is to be hoped that our citizens will liberally patronize this entertainment.

The Monday Evening Societies, at the Oil Exchange, are well attended by our best citizens. Last evening the second one of the season was held, and the occasion was a very pleasant one.

A European paper says an Italian music publisher has written a waltz entitled "Melancholy," composed by the Sultan of Turkey. That will be a suitable tune for him to waltz out of Turkey to, if his rebellious subjects are successful.

Col. A. P. DUNCAN will please accept our thanks for copies of the Legislative Record.

We are indebted to Hon. S. Newton Pettis, for Congressional documents.

**OIL CITY CORRESPONDENCE.**

OIL CITY, Jan. 26

The oil market which closed firm at \$7 on Saturday evening, manifested a little weakness yesterday, although buyers during the day asked \$7.

Last evening the Arlington minstrels gave an entertainment at Bascom's Hall. They have a very fair corps of vocal and instrumental performers.

Robson & Co., the pioneer hardware firm, are doing a heavy business at present in well fixings. Messrs. Porter, Ross and Geigle, resident members of the firm, give their personal supervision to all the work turned out from their shops.

Ornston, Hony & Co., have an extensive assortment of music in stock in addition to a large lot of books, stationery and periodicals.

A capitalist is about to erect a large building on the north side of Centre street, comprising three stories on the ground floor, with a commodious public hall in the second story.

The land interest on Charley Run are now asking one-half royalty. We regret this, as excessive royalty has done more to operate against development than many other causes combined. Surely 25 per cent. of the production of a well is simple royalty, and anything more is a strong incentive to those disposed to invest in oil production, to seek some more sure method of making money.

On Friday, Mrs. James McGee, of Venango City, died from heart disease, leaving a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Her exemplary Christian character and peaceful end proves their loss to be her gain.

The Pittsburgh Commercial, of Saturday, has the following: "A man named William Johnson arrived in the city yesterday by the way of the Allegheny Valley Railroad. William has resided at Oil City for some months past, and receiving a large sum of money due him there, he concluded to pay a visit to the City of Smoke, as he termed it. Well be arrived, as stated, some time during yesterday forenoon, and for the first time strolled along the banks of the Allegheny river. An hour or so afterwards, he returned to the depot, when he was accosted by two individuals who in turn grasped him by the hand and after warmly shaking it asked him what train he had come down on. He replied on the morning train and they told him that they also had come down on the same train. They talked about matters and things at Oil City, and soon the two strangers became fast friends of Johnson. They visited saloons, drank together, and after an hour or so thus spent, parted, Johnson going towards the depot and the strangers in the direction of Fifth street.

In less than an hour afterwards, Johnson, while seated on Canal street near the river, was approached by three persons—the two strangers whom he met at the depot and a third person who appeared to have them in custody. One of them took Johnson aside and pretending to be drunk informed him that while in a store on Fifth Avenue, he had fallen against an elegant show case, the glass of which had been completely demolished. He had attempted to "fly," but the policeman nabbed him and his partner and took them to the watch house. The proprietor of the store where the damage had been done would let them off provided they paid fifty dollars to repair the case and the coats. They wanted to return to Oil City to-day, but unless the money was paid to the policeman who accompanied them, there was little chance of their getting off, and they would have to go to jail. If Johnson would pay the amount—\$55—it would be returned as soon as they got back to Oil City. Johnson finally consented to release them from their trouble, and the supposed officer was paid \$55. He immediately departed, and soon after the two strangers started to get shaved preparatory to going back to Oil City. They left Johnson sitting on Canal street, promising to return in half an hour. Johnson saw nothing more of them although he watched eagerly for them, when every train departed. Late last evening he informed a gentleman at the depot of the transaction, and he was surprised to learn that it was a "put up job," and that the supposed policeman was a confederate of the strangers."

A French paper relates that, recently, in the south of France, a shepherd's dog, left in charge of a flock of sheep, and a little boy three years old, were suddenly surprised by a large wolf. The dog did battle bravely but at the time the shepherd came to the rescue he was laid prostrate by his ferocious assailant. The poor beast's life was at first despaired of; but his master, determined to save him if possible, had his leg amputated, and now, "Tambour," with his three sound legs and one wooden one, is almost as active as ever, and trots his ten miles without grumbling.

**THE NEWS.**

Hundreds of men are at work gathering the ice crop of the Hudson.

Danbury supports forty-five saloons and seventeen billiard tables.

Children dressed as cupids are a feature of New Orleans weddings.

The Hartford Courant says there are fifty strictly professional gamblers in that city.

A fond papa in New York forked over \$8,000 to Delmonico—the expense of a party to bring out a daughter.

A better way than to wet both sides of a postage stamp is to wet neither. Wet the corner of the envelope, and press the stamp on and it will stick.

A citizen of Rochester, N. Y., has a canary bird that can whistle "Yankee Doodle" more accurately than any news-boy.

The Olympic Theatre in Detroit was entirely destroyed by fire Saturday night. The loss was \$20,000.

Several officers of the Cuban insurgent army are in New York for the purpose of purchasing arms and ammunitions of war.

A new American club has been established in Rome, with great success. At the first opening seventy members were secured.

In Chicago, Saturday night, Thomas Stewart, a disolute bully, shot and killed Henry Herbert. The murderer was arrested and committed for trial.

Edward C. Pentow, who committed the bold robbery at the Park Bank, New York, Saturday morning has been committed for trial without bail. He hails from Albany.

John Dewitt, the Chicago pedestrian, at eleven o'clock Saturday morning, accomplished the feat of walking one thousand miles in one thousand consecutive hours, for a wager of five hundred dollars.

The fractional currency issued last week amounted to \$742,000; shipments, \$470,833; national bank currency issued \$134,470; amount in circulation, \$209,746,766; fractional currency destroyed, \$572,428.

The Madrid Cronista has an article ridiculing Charles Sumner upon the gratuitous advice he gave, some time ago, to the provisional government in reference to the introduction in Spain of a republic.

The celebrated Stevenson cotton case was up again Saturday in the United States District Court at New York, the counsel for Mr. Stevenson moving for the dismissal of the attachment against his property. No decision was reached.

Foreign letters say that the Burlingame mission is likely to be more successful in Paris than in any other place, for the French are, of all foreigners trading with China and the Asiatics, those against whom native prejudices are the least pronounced.

The United States District Attorney of New York has commenced proceedings against Messmore and the other defendants in the Kentucky bourbon case, who recently forfeited their bonds to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars each by fleeing from New York. The sureties are made parties to the action.

Jay Gould, of the New York and Erie Railroad, and a party of railroad managers arrived in Louisville Sunday evening to look into railway matters. They left Seymour, the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi and Jeffersonville and Indianapolis Railroads at 5 p. m., and arrived at Jeffersonville at 5:58 p. m. The distance between Seymour and Jeffersonville is 50 miles.

It seems the world may ring with an author's fame and not a sound of it penetrate his own home. In General Wilson's forthcoming life of Fitz Green Halleck is a letter from Halleck to his sister, from which it appears that she remained in ignorance of the existence of his world famous "Marco Bozzaris," over six years, although every periodical and newspaper had printed it, nearly every public hall and school room had hung with it, and it had been translated into French and modern Greek. Another instance of a similar character is narrated in the same volume by General Wilson. A boy called the eldest son of Sir Walter Scott the "Lady of the Lake." Young Scott, who had never heard of his father's poem, considered it an opprobrious epithet, and at once attempted to thrash his schoolmate, but was himself severely thrashed, greatly to the amusement of Sir Walter when the boy went home with a bloody face and black eye to tell the story.

At Danby, Ill., Thursday evening, Hannah Wademan, a worthy farmer's handsome daughter, aged sixteen, was instantly killed by throwing herself underneath a moving train on the Northwestern Railroad. Her parent's refusal to let her marry a young neighbor impelled the suicide.

NOTICE.—The Managing Committee of the Methodist Donation Party are requested to meet at the house of H. C. Jarvis, to-morrow afternoon. T. T. MAPES, Pres't. Petroleum Centre, Jan. 26.

**Local Notices.**

**GREAT BARGAINS!**

OFFERED TO THE

Citizens of Petroleum Centre!

In the way of

Blank Books,  
Stationery,  
Fancy Goods,  
Worsted,  
Bird Cages,  
School Books,

&c., &c., at

**ESLER'S VARIETY Store,**

35 SPRING STREET,

TITUSVILLE, PA.

Jan 21—10a.

Clocks.—A splendid assortment at Isham's.

Jan 21—4f.

Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes.—A large assortment at REYNOLDS, BROADHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre Street, opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

Guitar Strings.—A large lot of the best Guitar Strings the market affords, just received at Isham's.

Jan 21—4f.

Hardware.—A large assortment of which is being closed out at reduced rates at REYNOLDS, BROADHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre St., opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

ALBAMA.—This is a newly discovered article, to be used for a hair dressing, which is said to be superior to anything of the kind yet placed before the public. It renders the hair soft and glossy, and will, it is said, cause the hair to grow on scalps which have long lacked such a covering. It is not properly a hair dye, and yet it will so operate on the roots of the same when applied, as to restore it to its original color and luxuriance in a very brief period of time. It is beyond question, a very superior thing, and will more than fill the expectations of any one who may purchase it.—Syracuse Paper. Try Seward's Cough Cure. It is the best. A. D. MILLER & CO., Wholesale and Retail Druggists, Agents for Petroleum Centre, Pa.

Nov 19—1m.

Beautiful Slipper Patterns at A. S. Smith's Boot & Shoe Store.

Dec 15—4f.

FANCY GOODS, all descriptions, whole and retail, for Holiday Presents, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

Crockery.—For all kinds go to REYNOLDS, BROADHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre Street, opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

Dry Goods.—A large stock at REYNOLDS, BROADHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre St., opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

LADIES wishing to make an appropriate present, will find beautiful SLIPPER PATTERNS at A. S. SMITH'S Boot & Shoe Store.

Dec 15—4f.

BIRD CAGES, wholesale and retail. Thirty-four different styles to arrive this week, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

1,500 rolls WALL PAPER received this day at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

New Flour, Feed and Grocery Store!

J. S. PRATHER,

At the OLD BANK BUILDING, ON MAIN ST., opposite the McClintock House, has on hand a large and first class stock of Flour, Feed and Groceries, which he is selling at a low figure.

Don't forget the place—where A. D. Miller & Company broke up.

Call and examine the fine assortment of SLIPPER PATTERNS at A. S. Smith's Boot & Shoe Store.

Dec 15—4f.

CANARY BIRDS.—Two fine specimens, whole and retail, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

A large assortment of FINE SLEW BOTTLES at A. S. Smith's Boot & Shoe Store.

Dec 15—4f.

DIAPYR for sale at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

Carpet, of every quality and description, at REYNOLDS, BROADHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre Street, opposite the P. O., Oil City, Pa.

Excelsior Billiard Parlors.

To enjoy a delightful and quiet game of Billiards, go to A. O. Farnham's Fashionable Billiard Parlors, on Washington Street, next door to the Rochester House. These Parlors are within a short distance of most of the principal hotels in Petroleum Centre.

May 9—4f.

PAPER AND ENVELOPES at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

The best place in town to get a pair of Boots made of the best Stock, that will wear well, and warranted to fit, is at J. A. Plante's Fashionable Boot Shop, Washington Street, Petroleum Centre, Pa. Give him a trial.

Apr 10—4f.

**CALIFORNIA.**

WHEAT FIELDS AND STOCK RANCHES.—I have Ranches or Farms for sale, throughout CALIFORNIA, in tracts of One Hundred Acres up to Twenty Thousand. Terms to suit purchasers. These lands will grow Thirty-five to Fifty Bushels of Wheat to the Acre, with ordinary farming, and a Volunteer Crop of Twenty-Five bushels per Acre.

Correspondence Solicited. Address HENRY McKENTY, Dealer in Real Estate, Office 304 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, Cal. Jan 26.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**Attraction! EXTRAORDINARY.**

**OPERA HOUSE!**

PETROLEUM CENTRE, PA.,

For One Night Only!

Wednesday Eve., Jan. 27th,

Great Arlington

MINSTRELS!

FROM ARLINGTON HALL, CHICAGO,

Under the immediate direction of

William Arlington

The Western Comet!

ASSISTED BY

SAM. PRICE!

Eccentric Comedian,

D. L. MORRIS,

The Great Dutch Comedian,

D. W. COLLINS,

The Original "Happy Old Man,"

FOSTELLE!

The Charming Prima Donna and Danseuse,

THE SALKELD BROS.,

The Talented English Musicians,

L'ESTRANGE!

The Great Tenor,

ROSENTHAL,

The Pleasing Vocalist,

SUPPORTED BY FIFTEEN OF THE MOST TALENTED PERFORMERS IN THE PROFESSION

Admission 50 cents. Reserved Seats, 75 cts.

Doors open at 7 o'clock. Performance commences at 8 o'clock.

CHARLES H. DAY,

Business Agent.

S. S. Griswold,

Dealer in

**COAL.**

Orders by the Car or Ton promptly Filled

Also, Agent for the celebrated

KEEL RIDGE COAL!

OFFICE on Second Street, near R. M. Track,

PETROLEUM CENTRE, PA.

Jan 25 1f.

A. T. LEGGETT,

Manufacturer and Dealer in

HARNESS,

Seed Bags,

Valve Cups, &c.

Experienced workmen are employed, and Harness & all kinds kept constantly on hand and made to order.

P. C. Heinz's Pat. Seed-Bag For Sale.

Repairing Done at all Times!

Call and examine our stock and prices.

Main-St., below the McClintock House.

Petroleum Centre, Pa., Jan. 7th, 1898.—1f.

**Disolution.**

THE co-partnership heretofore existing between

W. R. Klingensmith, H. Klingensmith and N. B. Hofford, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

N. B. Hofford retires from the firm and W. R. Klingensmith and H. Klingensmith continue in the business, and assume all bills for or against the late firm.

W. R. KLINGENSMITH,  
H. KLINGENSMITH,  
N. B. HOFFORD.

Petroleum Centre, Jan. 15, 1898.—3f

**Wanted.**

A FIRST CLASS PASTRY COOK is wanted at the Petroleum House, Oil City, Pa. Apply immediately.

Jan 22-3f. STAATS & WHITE, Prop'rs.

**Wanted.**

TWO RENT OR PURCHASE a Dwelling House in Petroleum Centre. Apply to

Jan 22-3f. T. T. MAPES.

BUY the E. Howard American Watch, the best made, of ISHAM & CO.

SOLID Gold Jewelry, Ladies' Hats, Sewing Pins, Silver Buttons, &c., at ISHAM & CO'S.

DIAMOND PINS and RINGS, at ISHAM & CO'S.